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SUBJ: ANGOLAN REFUGEES

FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM AMCONSUL OPORTO:

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM PENNER

I WAS CONTACTED SATURDAY BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NEWLY FORMED
COMISSO DOS DESALOJADOS ULTRAMARINOS DO NORTE AND MET WITH FIVE
MEMBERS OUTSIDE THE CONSULATE OFFICE. THEY PLEADED WITH ME TO
DO WHATEVER I COULD TO SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASE THE LEVEL OF OUR
AIRLIFT AND ANY OTHER EVACUATION EFFORTS. THE COMMITTEE IS
PREPARED TO MOBILIZE RESOURCES INCLUDING INTERNATIONAL APPEALS
TO ASSIST INCOMING REFUGEES BUT CONSIDER EVACUATION FIRST
ORDER OF BUSINESS. THEY IMPRESSED ME WITH THE URGENCY
OF THEIR PLEA. THEY MAINTAIN THAT ONLY US OR SOVIET UNION HAVE
RESOURCES TO MAKE TOTAL EVACUATION SUCCESSFUL. IN RETURN FOR
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ASSISTANCE, THE REFUGEES ARE PREPARED TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE

"IN A POSITION DIRECTION FOR THE US." WITH MANY FAMILY MEMBERS
STILL IN ANGOLA THE REFUGEES ARE PREVENTED AT THE MOMENT FROM
TAKING A MORE ACTIVE POLITICAL ROLE FOR FEAR OF ENDANGERING
PRESENT LEVEL OF EVACUATION EFFORTS. THE REFUGEES ARE FULLY
AWARE OF THEIR POLITICAL STRENGTH SHOULD ALL THEIR NUMBER
BE EVACUATED. THEY PLAN A FULLY PLENARY MEETING NEXT WEEKEND AND
REQUESTED MY PRESENCE. I THANKED THEM FOR THEIR VIEWS, AGREED
THE SITUATION WAS EXTREMELY SERIOUS BUT ONLY COMMITTED MYSELF
TO STAY IN CONTACT.
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